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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please amend the paragraphs as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs are attached as an Appendix):*

*Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:*

**[0001]** (Amended) The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of German Patent Application No. 200 13 887.1, filed on August 11, 2000 and German Patent Application No. 100 44 907.7, filed on September 12, 2000, the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.